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SUBJECT: ENERGY MINISTRY CLARIFIES OIL TRANSPORT RULES  
BETWEEN JORDAN AND IRAQ; LOA NO LONGER REQUIRED

REF: A. MEMR-EMBASSY AMMAN LETTER JANUARY 22 2009

[¶](#)B. DESK-AMMAN EMAILS FEBRUARY 6

Classified By: Ambassador R. Stephen Beecroft, for Reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

[¶](#)1. (C) Repeated high-level meetings between Post and Government of Jordan (GOJ) officials, including Prime Minister Nader Dahabi, Chief of the Royal Court Nasser Lozi, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) Khaldoun Qutishat and former Director General of the General Intelligence Directorate (GID) Muhammad Dahabi, have led to a more transparent process for allowing U.S. companies to transport oil from Jordan to Iraq (reftel). Both Lozi and Dahabi indicated to the Ambassador that the highest levels of government had directed increased transparency in procedures, which now no longer require a Letter of Authorization (LOA). GOJ interlocutors have confirmed that Jordan will work with any transport company selected by the U.S., provided that the company meets the requirements outlined in a January 22 letter to the Embassy, the text of which follows in paragraph two.

[¶](#)2. (SBU) Letter dated January 22 from MEMR to Embassy Amman:

With reference to your letter dated Dec 4, 2008 regarding the United States Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) requirement to provide them with specific information that can be included in the bid guidelines, please be informed that the criteria and specific information can be included in the bid guidelines are as follows:

1 - The bidders shall be cleared from the Jordanian Security Authorities.

2 - The bidders shall demonstrate their abilities to properly provide the capacities needed in Aqaba shore, by presenting a statement from any entity that has storage facilities and capacities in Aqaba or any other suitable means.

3 - The bidders shall confirm that they will pay all relevant fees and taxes in according with the Jordanian applicable legislations including transit charge of JD 25 (\$35.31) per ton on truck vehicles loaded with petroleum by-products.

Moreover, please be advised that priority for using Aqaba port facilities will be given to vessels carrying crude and oil products belonging to Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company (JPRC) and/or Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) which will be established and licensed to provide the services of importing and distributing oil products for domestic use.

End text.

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